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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CSCE, PFOR, XG
SUBJECT: CSCE POLICY: INFORMATION-RADIO BROADCASTING

REF: A. STATE 88984, B. GENEVA 3091

1. THIS CABLE REPORTS BROADCASTING TEXT AS ACCEPTED BY NATO CAUCUS FOR PRESENTATION TO SOVIETS AND REQUESTS FURTHER GUIDANCE, AS SPECIFIED IN REF A.

2. REFTEL A SUGGESTED WE SOUND OUT THE ALLIES ON FOLLOWING TEXT ON RADIO BROADCASTING: BEGIN TEXT:
THE PARTICIPATING STATES EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE BROAD-
ENING OF DISSEMINATION OF RADIO INFORMATION WILL CONTINUE
ND THAT RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS TO OTHER PAR-
TICIPATING STATES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING
OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES. END TEXT

3. MAY 6 NATO CAUCUS HAD NO OBJECTION TO US APPROACH TO SOVIETS WITH US TEXT IF REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT:

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THE PARTICIPATING STATES EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE
BROADENING OF DISSEMINATION OF BROADCAST INFORMATION
WILL CONTINUE, RECOGNIZING THAT BROADCASTS TO OTHER
PARTICIPATING STATES CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING
OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES. END TEXT

4. SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO "RADIO" AND TO "RADIO AND
TELEVISION" WERE DELETED TO AVOID DIFFERENTIATION
BETWEEN RADIO AND TV BROADCASTS WHICH COULD CREATE
PROBLEMS FOR SOME DELEGATIONS (PARA 3, REFTEL B).
SECOND PART OF TEXT BEGINNING WITH "RECOGNIZING" WAS WORKED OUT
AFTER FRG REP CONFIRMED HIS DELEGATION HAD DIFFICULTIES
WITH EARLIER US PHRASEOLOGY (PARA 2, REFTEL B).

5. IN VIEW OF SUBSTANTIVE FRG RESERVATIONS ON US
TEXT AND FEELING OF SOME OTHER NATO DELEGATIONS THAT,
ALTHOUGH PREPARED TO ACCEPT US FORMULATION AS END RESULT,
THEY WOULD PREFER MORE WESTERN SLANT NOW FOR TACTICAL REASONS,
WE RECOMMEND WE NOW BE AUTHORIZED AT TIME OF OUR CHOOSING TO
PRESENT SOVIETS WITH REVISED TEXT (PARA 3 ABOVE).
ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT SANGUINE ABOUT THE CHANCES FOR A
FAVORABLE SOVIET REACTION, WE BELIEVE THAT AFTER A TURN
DOWN BY THE EAST WE WOULD BE IN A STRONGER POSITION TO
CONVINCE THE FRG (AND, IF NECESSARY, CANADA) TO RECONSIDER ITS OPPOSI
TION
TO THE SECOND PART OF THE US TEXT. REQUEST GUIDANCE.ABRAMS

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